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PROCESS

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1. PLEASE CONVEY THE FOLLOWING POINTS FROM ME TO FAHMY IN
RESPONSE TO HIS FURTHER COMPLAINING IN YOUR CONVERSATION OF
DECEMBER 13:

-- WE ARE NOW IN A PERIOD OF TRANSITION BETWEEN ADMINISTRA-
TIONS THAT IS INEVITABLY DIFFICULT AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT
IT CAN BE A TRYING PERIOD FOR OUR FRIENDS.

-- FAHMY'S CONTINUOUS COMPLAINING ABOUT OUR ACTIONS,
HOWEVER, AND PARTICULARLY THE INPUGNING OF OUR MOTIVES, IS
CERTAINLY NO HELP IN GETTING US THROUGH THIS PERIOD WITH A
MINIMUM OF STRAIN IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. WE ARE COMMITTED
TO PRODUCE PROGRESS IN NEGOTIATIONS DURING 1977, AND AS I
TOLD MOHAMED RIAD IN MEXICO CITY, I HAVE EVERY REASON TO
ASSUME THAT THIS COMMITMENT WILL BE VIGOROUSLY ACTED UPON;

-- I HAVE TO TELL FAHMY THAT I DEEPLY RESENT IN PARTICULAR
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HIS ACCUSATION THAT OUR NEGATIVE VOTE ON THE MIDDLE EAST

RESOLUTION IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN DECIDED UPON BETWEEN US AND THE ISRAELIS FROM THE OUTSET. I CANNOT UNDERSTAND, MORE-

OVER, HOW FAHMY COULD HAVE EXPECTED ANY OTHER RESPONSE TO WHAT WAS SO CLEARLY A PRESSURE TACTIC DIRECTED AGAINST THE NEXT U.S. ADMINISTRATION.

-- WE VOTED AS WE DID BECAUSE WE BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS THE BEST WAY, IN THE FACE OF THE DIFFICULT AND EMBARRASSING SITUATION CREATED BY THE RESOLUTION, TO PRESERVE A SITUATION IN WHICH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION COULD ACT PROMPTLY AND IN A BALANCED WAY TO REGAIN NEGOTIATING MOMENTUM. IF WE HAD DONE OTHER THAN OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION, SO CLOSE ON THE HEELS OF OUR ASSOCIATION WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONSENSUS STATEMENT, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN A STORM OF PROTEST FROM ISRAEL AND ITS SUPPORTERS THAT WOULD HAVE PUT THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IMMEDIATELY ON THE DEFENSIVE AND OBLIGED IT TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AS A FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS;

-- I AM PUZZLED BY FAHMY'S ASSERTION THAT I TOLD MOHAMED RIAD THAT WE AND THE ISRAELIS HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT EGYPT CAN BE PERSUADED TO SIGN A SEPARATE AGREEMENT ON SINAI. IN MY CONVERSATION WITH MOHAMED I MAINLY TRIED TO ELICIT HIS OPINION ABOUT THE USEFULNESS OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND I EXPRESSED SOME THOUGHTS OF MY OWN AS TO THE PROBLEMS THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE POSED FOR US AS DISTINCT FROM CONTINUING TO WORK OUTSIDE THE CONFERENCE FRAMEWORK. I ALSO ASKED WHETHER CAIRO FELT IT WAS BETTER TO SETTLE ALL THE ISSUES AT ONCE OR TO TRY TO GET SOMETHING FOR SYRIA AND FOR EGYPT IN ANOTHER STEP. I DID NOT SUGGEST THAT EGYPT MIGHT MOVE BY ITSELF WITHOUT SYRIA, BUT THAT MOVEMENT BY THE TWO TOGETHER WAS AN ALTERNATIVE POSSIBILITY TO AN EFFORT TO RESOLVE ALL THE ISSUES AT ONCE. IN ANY CASE, MY COMMENTS WERE INTENDED SIMPLY AS QUESTIONS AND NOT AS AN INDICATION OF MY OWN THINKING. I NOTE FROM FAHMY'S DECEMBER 13 REMARKS THAT HE FEELS THE APPROACH SHOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE AND THAT GENEVA IS THE APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR IT. ULTIMATELY, OF COURSE, THESE ISSUES MUST BE SORTED OUT WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

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-- FINALLY, I CAN ASSURE FAHMY THAT THE URGENCY IN THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION IS WELL UNDERSTOOD IN WASHINGTON. THE UNITY OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES CONCERNED, FLOWING FROM THE RIYADH AND CAIRO SUMMIT CONFERENCES, HAS HELPED PREPARE THE WAY FOR PROMPT AND VIGOROUS ACTION. FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, HOWEVER, THE NEED FOR A LITTLE PATIENCE IS INESCAPABLE, AND MUCH AND TOO EVIDENT IMPATIENCE CAN

DETRACT FROM THE ATMOSPHERE WHICH IS SO NECESSARY IF
PROGRESS IS TO BE MADE.

2. I ASSUME THAT IN YOUR CONVERSATION WITH FAHMY ON

DECEMBER 5 (CAIRO 16731) YOU MADE THE POINT TO HIM ABOUT
THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN MY LETTER TO SADAT AND MY LETTER
TO ASAD THAT I REFERRED TO IN STATE 292956 AND SECTO 31034.
I WOULD BE INTERESTED TO KNOW HIS REACTION. KISSINGER

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